

Members of the Juvenile Justice Commission

Rodney J. Ahitow*

- 32 years experience in juvenile and adult corrections
- Past President of the Correctional Educational Association
- Former Educational Executive for the IL Dept. of Corrections School District

Roseanna Ander

- Founder and Executive Director of the University of Chicago Crime Lab
- Manager of the Joyce Foundation's Gun Violence program
- Previously worked for the Harvard Injury Control Center, Harvard Center for Children's Health and the Harvard Project on Schooling and Children

Julie L. Biehl

- Director, Children and Family Justice Center
- Former Director, Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic
- Former Director, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Mental Health Initiative

Patricia Cornell

- Volunteer Monitoring Coordinator, John Howard Association's Juvenile Justice Reform Initiative
- Previously worked for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago specializing in juvenile court representation, domestic violence and domestic relations
- Staff attorney, National Center for Youth Law

Edith Crigler

- Associate Executive Director, Chicago Area Project
- Member, Youth as Possibilities Board of Directors
- Member, Citywide Restorative Justice Project

Debra Ferguson, Ph.D

- Associate Deputy for Forensics for the Department of Human Services Mental Health Division
- Associate Psychiatry Professor, Northwestern University
- Chief Administrator for the Mental Health Juvenile Justice Program

Ester Franco-Payne

- Program Director, Juvenile Justice/Violence Initiative of Chicago Metropolis 2020
- Coordinating Council for the Illinois Models for Change Initiative
- Former member of the Family Violence Coordinating Council, Cook County Circuit Court

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Kurt Friedenauer

- Acting Director, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
- Former Vice President of Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Services at Rosecrance Health Network in Rockford
- Former assistant secretary of Probation and Community Corrections in the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
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Gene Griffin, Ph.D:

- Clinical Director of the Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition
- Assistant Professor of the Mental Health and Services Policy Program at Northwestern University
- Chief of Juvenile Forensics at the Illinois State Office of Mental Health

George H. Hill Jr.*

- President and Founder, Mid-States General and Mechanical Contracting
- Board Member and Treasurer, Macon County Youth Advocate Program
- Board Member and Treasurer, Juvenile Justice Initiative
- Member of this board since its inception.

Lisa Jacobs

- Program Manager for the Illinois Models for Change Initiative, through the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- Former Director of Judicial Education for the Illinois Supreme Court

Rev. Charles Jenkins

- Pastor, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

Patrick Nelson

- Cook County Juvenile Probation Officer
- Former Principal, Chicago Public High Schools

Edwin Reyes

- Cook County Commissioner, 8th District
- Chicago Community Violence Prevention Officer, Illinois State Police

Pamela Rodriguez

- President, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities Illinois

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- Practitioner member, Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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Randall Strickland

- State Coordinator, Disproportionate Minority Contact Action Network, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- Former Juvenile Probation Officer, Cook County Circuit Court

Wayne Straza*

- Deputy Director of Enforcement Administration, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
- Member of the Juvenile Justice Commission since 1988
- Member of the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition, Criminal Justice Information Authority

George Timberlake

- Chief Justice, State of Illinois Second Circuit Court (ret.)
- Chairman, 2nd Circuit Juvenile Justice Council
- Member, Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board and the Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project

Rick Velasquez

- Executive Director, Youth Outreach Service of Chicago
- Member of the Illinois Children and Family Services Advisory Council and Illinois Juvenile Justice Advisory Board
- Member of the Cook County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Executive Committee and the Redeploy Illinois Oversight Board

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